(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The details of visit of Specialists in nodal centres are given in the attached statement [*See* Appendix CLXIII, Annexure No. 2].

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Directions have been issued to the Chief Medical Incharge of the dispensaries to display the schedule of visits of Specialists to nodal centres.

Manufacture of AZT Drug for treatment of AIDS

217. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian firm M/s CIPLA has since started the manufacture and marketing of AZT (AZIDOTHYMIDINE) drug for treatment of AIDS; and

(b) if so, what are the details therecan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) The Drugs Controller (India) has permitted M/s Cipla to manufacture and market Azidothymidine (AZT) in India.

As per the information available, the Company have not yet started marketing the drug.

Incentive for Family Planning

218. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the incentives and disincentive given by Government in order to control the population;

(b) whether the efforts made are adequate; and

(c) if not, what further steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) The incentives and disincentives given by Government in order to control the population are given in the Statement.

(b) and (c) The existing incentives and disincentives have not been proved adequate. Hence a comprehensive package of incentives/disincentives is being worked out under the revised strategy contained in the Action Plan formulated by this Ministry in consultation with the States/UTs.

Statement

The following incentives are already being given to the Central Government employees who undergo Sterilisation with three or less number of children subject to satisfaction of certain conditions:

(a) A special increment in the form of personal pay not to be absorbed in future increases of pay.

(b) Reduction of half percent on the rate of interest on house building advance.

(c) Special causal leave pay upto seven days in respect of male employees and upto fourteen days in respect of female employees.

Some of the State Governments/Public Sector undertakings are also giving similar benefits to their employees under the Family Welfare Programme. As regard disincentives, the only one presently in operation is the one relating to non-availability of maternity leave after two children.

2. No monetary incentives are being given under the National Family Welfare Programme to the members of general public accepting family planning methods. However, under the scheme for payment of compensation, the acceptors of sterilisation/IUD insertions are paid a sum of Rs. 100/9, for loss of wages.

3. Some of the States have introduced a green card scheme under which cards are issued to the acceptors of terminal